GROGAN'S

A Night of Adventures. to say nothing, to put no obstacles in the way of the Russian agent, provided he could bduct his trio without seriously clashing with the New York police authori-It was a recognized fact that the local police force wanted the newspaper glory which would attend the crushing Biack Hurgired. It would be an exploit. But their giory was nil; nor did Servan take his trio back with

Many strange things happened that night, the night of the final adventure lorence sat in her room reading. The book was "Oliver Twist," not the leasantest sort of book to read under e existing circumstances. Several mes-she had reached the place where Fagin overheard Nancy's confessionshe fancied she heard doors closing softly, but credited it to her imagina-Poor Nancy, who wanted to be good but did not find time to be! Florence possessed a habit familiar to most of us; the need of apples or candy when we are reading. So she rang the bell for her maid, intending to ask her to bring up some apples. She turned to her reading, presently to break off and strike the bell again. Where was that She waited perhaps five minutes, then laid down the book and be-

gan to investigate. There was not a servant to be found in the entire house! What in the world could that mean? Used as she was to neartrending suspenses, she was none the less terrified. Something had taken the servants from the house. whence was the danger to come this time. Where was Jones! Why did he not return as he had promised? It was long past the hour when he said he would be back.

She went into the library and picked up the telephone. She was told that Mr. Norton was out on an assignment, but that he would be notified the mo-ment he returned. She opened a drawthe desk. She touched the automatic, but did not take it up. She left the drawer open, however. Earlier, at the newspaper office that night, Jim went into the managing editor's office and laid a bulky manu-script on that gentleman's desk. "Is this it?"

"It is," said J'm. You have captured them?" "No; but there is a net about them which not one shall escape. from which not one shall escape. There's the story of my adventures, of the adventures of Miss Hargreave, and the butler, Jones. You'll find it exciting reading. You might just as well send it up to the composing room. At midnight I'll telephone the introduction. It's a scoop. Don't worry about that.'

The editor ruffled the pages. hundred and twelve pages, 300 words to the page; man, it's a novel!" 'It'll read line one."

skim through the first story. At the end of ten minutes the editor laid down the copy. He opened a drawblue one he tore up and dropped into the waste basket. Norton understood They had meant to discharge him if he fell down. The other velope was a fat one. 'Open it," said the editor, smiling

This envelope contained a check for \$2,500, two round-trip first-class tickets continental tickets such as are issued

'Why two?" asked Jim innocently. "Forget it, my boy; forget it. You ought to know that in this office we don't employ blind men. The whole staff is on. There you are, a fat check and three months' vacation. Go ard married, and if you return before three months are up I'll fire you myself on general principles Jim laughed happily and the two men shook hands. Then Jim went forth to complete the big assignment. Five minutes later Florence called him up to

What should she do? Jones had told her to stay in the house and not to leave it. But where was he? Why old he not come? What was the meaning of this desertion by the servants? She wandered about aimlessly, looking out of windows, imagining forms in the ceived her; she had heard doors close

'Susan, Susan!" she murmured; but Susan was in the hospital.

Oliver Twist! What had possessed her to start reading that old tale again? She should have read something of a light and lovous character. After half an hour's wandering about the lone y ruse, she returned to the library, feeling that she would be safer where both ephone and revolver were. And while she sat waiting for she knew not what, her swiftly beating

heart sending the blood into her throat so that it almost suffocated her, a man turned into the street and walked resojutely toward the Hargreave place. He passed a man leaning against a lamp post, but he never turned to look at him.

pay station. He knew in his soul that cigar and hot-footed it to the nearest

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\$10,000 FOR ONE HUNDRED WORDS

There are but two more installments, The judgment of this board will be after this one, of "The Million Dollar absclute and final. Nothing of a liter-lystery" story, which has run twenty ary nature will be considered in the consecutive weeks in this paper. By docision, nor given any preference in an arrangement with the Thanhouser the selections of the winner of the Film Company it has been made possible not only to read the story in this which will give the most acceptable sopaper, but also to see it each week in lution to the mystery, will be presented the various moving picture theaters in the theaters knowing this feature as

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written by Harold MacGrath. City, N. Y., any time up to midnight, Jan. 14, 1915. This allows several lionaire? weeks after the last chapter has No. 2-been published. Care should be 000,000?

taken to write the street address A board of three judges will de- countess? termine which of the many solutions. Nobody received is the most acceptable. The indirectly judges are to be Harold MacGrath, Mystery Lloyd Lonergan, and Miss Mae Tines. testant.

open and close, and had taken it for granted that Jones had returned.

There was a tableau of short duration

stranger, in a singularly pleasant voice.

antly, though her knees shook so that

she was certain that the least touch

Florence slipped unsteadily behind the

lesk and seized the revolver which lay in the drawer. The man by the cur-tains smiled sadly. It was a smile that

"You do not believe me?" said the

man, advancing slowly.
"No. I have been deceived too many

times, sir. Stay where you are. You

Oh, if I were only sure!" she burst out suddenly and passionately. "What

Norton the five thousand, that I watch-

ed the windows of the Russian woman, and overheard nearly every plot that was hatched in the council chamber of

the arm while crossing the lawn one

night. And now we have the scoundrels

e in this house for me within half an

spent the best years of his life away

from you in order to secure your safety.

At that moment the telephone rang.

With the revolver still leveled she pick-

lim, Jim, come at once. I am holding

at bay a man who says he is my father.

Hold him where he is, you say? All

"Jim!" murmured the man, still ad-vancing. He must have that revolver.

affair. "So what Jones tells me is true;

If only he would drop that fearless smile! she thought. "With or without

"What in the world can I say to you to convince you?" he cried. "The trap

that you are going to marry this re

'With or without my consent?"

ed up the receiver.
"Hello, hello! Who is it?

Can't you feel the truth of all this?"

nearer; stay where you are!"

Black Hundred; that I was shot in

wait here till my butler returns.

caused Florence to waver a bit.

would send her over.
"I am your father, child!"

she extended her arm.

Florence had been imposed upon too

"Don't you know me?" asked the

the various moving picture theaters. In the theaters kiving this feature as For the solution of this mystery story soon as it is possible to produce the \$10,000 will be given by the Thansame. The story corresponding to houser Film Corporation. the newspapers coincidentally, or us soon after the appearance of the pic-tures as practicable. With the last two reels will be shown the pictures of the winner, his or her home, and

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No. 3—Whom does Florence marry!
No. 4—What becomes of the Russian Nobody connected either directly or indirectly with "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be considered as a con-

but strenuous weeks-Stanley Hargreave, the door. Her gaze roved: and it was in the flesh! Half an hour after his enough for the man. He reached out telephone message the chief of the Black Hundred and many lesser lights herself loose. herself loose.
"My child, in God's name, tery. Had they but known!

Now, the man who had created this and they will have us both." Suddenly Florence knew. She could not have told you why; but there was an appeal in the man's voice that went remendous agitation went serenely on. He proceeded directly and fearlessly to front door, produced a latchkey and to her heart. entered. He passed through the hall You are my father! and reception room to the library, and "Yes, yes! But you've found it out paused on the threshold dramatically. Florence stepped back with a sharp cry of alarm. She had heard the hall door

just a trifle too late, my dear. Quick; this side of the desk!" Braine and his men dashed into the library. Olga entered leisurely.
"Both of them!" yelled Braine exultantly. "Both of them together; what

There was a sharp, fierce struggle; and when it came to an end Hargreave many times. She shook her head defiwas trussed to a chair. "Ah, so we meet again, Hargreave!" said Braine Hargreave shrugged. What he wantwas time.

We have you. Where is or I'll twist your heart before your Father, forgive me! "I understand, my child."
"Where is it?" Braine seized Florence

by the wrist and swung her toward me," said the girl bravely.

Braine, smiling his old evil smile, drew the girl close. It was the last time

"Look!" screamed Olga Every one turned, to see Jones' face that you cannot shoot peering me. Ah, the damnable wretches! What have they done to you, my child, to make you suspicious of every one? How "After him!" cried Braine, releasing

> ly. Jones appeared, and Jim and the Russian agent and a dozen policemen. Braine was the only man who kept his head. He floored Norton, smashed a win-dow, and leaped out. The blow dazed Norton, but he was on his feet almost

just where we want them. They will instantly and followed Braine through the window. Across the lawn the two hour, and not one of them will leave it sped, with an exchange of shots which in freedom. I am your father, Flor- emptied both automatics but did ence; I am the lonely father who has damage. Braine headed for his auto. damage. Braine headed for his auto. He in, only to be hauled out again fight followed: and the clean life of the reporter told. There, my angelic friend, I believe

that the game is up. There is one shot left in this automatic. If you make any attempt to escape, I'll let you have it; not to kill but to disable. You and your precious countess will sail tomorrow you will go to the lead mines." He dragged his prisoner toward the house.
"Your troubles are over, my child,"

Meetings, evening:

Masonic-Potomac, No. 5, 3 p. m.

Socialist Party-Address, 8:15 p. m.

MONDAY.

"And mine have begun," murmured the

countess. "But I have still one shot."
The police stood encircling her. Calmly she opened her handbag and took out her handkerchief. It was a thick and heavy silk one. Swiftly she unscrewed the top of her walking stick (it will be seen now that the carrying of it was not an affectation!) extracted a An overpowering sweet odor filled the room. Jones, knowing how deeply versed Braine was in Oriental poison and narcotics, made a desperate but futile effort to tear down a curtain to throw over the liquid; but even in he felt his senses going. The last he was conscious of was a mocking laugh. But the entrance of Jim, dragging Braine after him, shocked all the hanter out of the countess. She turned and rushed madly for the stairs, without manage an escape from the upper stories. She had thought Braine free. As she fiew up the steps all the past returned, all her warnings to that stubborn man. This was the end • • Russia. The horrors of the cold and the deadly damps of the mines . . forever! Jim, still holding the battered con-spirator, watched her flight in amaze-

ment. He could not understand-till he pushed Braine into the library and the vanishing odor assailed his nostrils. What these fumes were he was never to know, but they proved to be transitory. Five minutes sufficed to bring all back to their senses. For the while they forgot Olga. "This man is mine," said Servan,

nodding toward Braine.
"He's yours without charge," said am an American citizen," Braine, who, realizing what the future held, readily preferred a long prison term in America to the horrors of Rus-

sian exile.

"Your certificate has been destroy-l," said Servan, "and the State Department considers your papers void because you obtained them under false oaths. You are an undesirable citizen; and the republic is happy to learn that you will be taken off its hands." "And because," added Norton, "you have laid too many mines in the blackmailing business, and the Government does not propose to have them made known to the public through a long and

useless trial. It was a long run, old top; but right is right. And, by the way, I want you to meet Mr. Jedson, formerly of Scotland Yard. He indicated Jones, who started. "Yes." went on the reporter. "I recognized him tong ago.

"It is true." said Hargreave, taking Jones' hand in his own. "Fifteen years ago I employed him to watch my affairs, and very well has he done so. And to you, you wretch," turning upon the haggard Braine, "listen; there is a and you have been within a foot of it a dozen times. It has been under your very nose. Do you re-member Poe's 'Purloined Letter?' Ha! Under your very nose, within touch of your hand! Now, take him away, Mr. The police will be satisfied Servan. with the prisoners they have." So, presently, Hargreave, Jones, Florence, and Jim were alone. That smile father's identity stole over his face again. He put his hand on Jim's shoulder and beckoned to Florence, "Are you really anxious to marry this young man?"

"Well, then, do so. And go to Europe with him on your honeymoon, and as a wedding present to you both, for every dollar that he has I will add a hundred; I have watched over you in secret! I will tell you what only Jones and the reporter know, that the aviator died, that I alone was rescued, that I gave the secret is alone was rescued, that I gave the secret is a secret is and when you get tired of travel you will both come back here to live. The "And now," said Jones, shaking his shoulders.
"Well" said Hargreave.

"My business is done. Still-" Jones paused. "We'l, the truth is, sir, I've grown used to you. And if you'll let me play

was going to suggest it. "I was going to suggest the hand and drew her away. asked 'I'm going to take this pretty hand of yours and put it flat upon \$1,000,000. And if you don't believe it follow me."

(This is the last chapter of "The Million-Dollar Mystery" that will appear until after the \$10,000 prize has been awarded, when the concluding chapters, written by Mr. MacGrath from the best solution offered, will be published.)

She followed.

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and find us like this, good heaven, child, we are both lost! Come, come!" where you are! they had been hunting all these weary At that moment she heard a sound a

porter chap?

She did not answer.

anybody's consent," she said.

smile! she thought.



Grotto Will Present New WARNER

The last ceremonial of Monarch P. ullman's administration of Kallipolis largest number of petitions.

Musical Play Tomorrow

Knights of Pythias-Mount Vernon, No. 5; Union, No. 22; Columbia, No. 26; Friend-ship Temple, No. 9, Pythian Sisters. Socialist Party-Italian Branch.

Grotto, No. 15, M. O. V. P. E. R., will be Masqueraders to Give held tomorrow evening, at Odd Fellows' Hali, and, with it will be presented a musical comedy that bids fair to exeed anything yet accomplished in this the grotto. It is entitled "Life On the Ocean Wave, or a Plot Charles A. Stevens, Rehearsals have at 716 Thirteenth street northwest, last been under way for several weeks, special scenery has been prepared, and gorgeous costumes procured. The grot- was "A Bachelor's Divorce," presented to band will play and the Minute Men, of the Church of the Ascension, Noin uniform, will take an important part. of the 12.
There will be barbecue of turkey and verber 12. pumpkin ple as an aftermath. It is simed to initiate the largest class of club; Alice Brewster Cassidy, direc- MILLER'S the year at this ceremonial, and Prophet A. C. Mayer has offered a solid gold S. Winters, treasurer; John S. Poyn-A. C. Mayer has offered a solid gold ... business manager; Nicholas J. Buckwhest

furnish entertainment.

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SATURDAY. Mestings, evening:

Masonic-Federal, No. 1, F. C.; Acacia, No.

18, F. C.; Takoma, No. 29, E. A.; Mount
Horeb, No. 7, and Potomac, No. 8, Royal
Arch; De Molay Mounted, No. 4, Kn.gats
Templar: Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix
and Robert de Bruce Council, Knigats Kadosh, Ancient and Accepted Scott.sh Eite;
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